(*b*) during the year 1115?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) Two.
(*b*) Nil.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* There has been no meeting in 1115. Why was there no meeting? There is a rule that there should be at least one meeting in each term of the academic year. Why was no meeting held?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It should ordinarily meet thrice a year. That is all. Perhaps they might not have found the necessity for more meetings. It appears that there was no necessity for any more meetings. I have no further information about this.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know the object of the Advisory Committee? What is the main purpose of this Advisory Committee?

Mr. President: To advise on various matters.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In regard to admission or any other purpose?

VISWAKARMALAS—EDUCATIONAL CONCESSIONS—SCOPE OF

347. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Viswakarmalas in the State have been granted any educational concessions; if so, what are they;

(*b*) are the Kollans in the State members of the Viswakarmala community;

(*c*) have the Perum-Kollans in Eroor desam in Nadamel village put in a petition complaining about the refusal of the concessions by the management of the St. Joseph's Malayalam Primary School, Kodamkulangara;

(*d*) if so, what action have the Government taken in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) Yes.

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They are included in the list of backward classes and are eligible for half-fee concession on production of poverty certificates.

(*b*) According to *the Cochin Education Code*, both Viswakarmalas and Kollans are treated separate and included in the list of backward classes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (c) above.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Are the Perunkollans entitled to these concessions?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are classed as depressed classes for 6 years. Thus they get more concessions like the Depressed Classes.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. എൻ. ദാമോദരൻ നമ്പ്യാർ: വിശ്വകർമ്മാളർ എന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ ഏതു കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റീസ് ഉണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോജ്ജ്: ആശാരി, മൂശാരി, കൊല്ലൻ, തട്ടാൻ, കല്ലാശാരി എന്നിവർ.

NELLIAMPATHIES—NEED FOR A SCHOOL

348. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a school in the Nelliampathy District;

(*b*) how many people are living and working there?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Nearly 2,000.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are these 2000 living there with their families?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no correct information on that. Some might be with their families and others without their families.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Where is this Nelliampathies District?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is in the Chittur Taluk.

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